



## RENEW LIVES WHEN YOU RENEW YOUR LICENSE!

Through the MVA's Organ Donor Program, Marylanders can give the gift of life and health to someone else by donating organs or other tissues after death.

Doing so is simple. You can use the attached reply card. You may also fill out an organ donor card. Make sure you present it to the clerk when you apply for or renew your license.

A record of your intent will be registered with the MVA, and a donor designation will be placed on your driver's license or identification card.

It's important to tell your family about your wishes. As your next of kin, they will be asked for their consent to your donation. Show them your license and discuss your plans in detail with them.

**Be a hero for life.**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

- The Living Legacy Foundation of Maryland  
410-242-7000 or 1-800-641-Hero
- Washington Regional Transplant Consortium  
202-223-8229 or 1-866-MD-DONOR
- Motor Vehicle Administration  
1-800-950-1MVA

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### FOR MARYLAND MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION:

Call the MVA Customer Service Center  
**1-800-950-1MVA (1682)**  
(to speak with a customer representative)

**1-301-729-4550** Out-of-State  
**1-800-492-4575 TTY** for the Hearing Impaired  
**Or visit: [www.MVA.Maryland.gov](http://www.MVA.Maryland.gov)**



Motor Vehicle Administration

6601 Ritchie Highway, N.E.  
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21062



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of Transportation

## The Organ Donor Program

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## ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

### Who can be an organ donor?

Anyone 18 years or over may be an organ donor. Minors who are at least 16 years old may add a donor designation if a parent or guardian consents in writing. Advanced age or a history of illness do not mean you can't be a donor. Decisions about the suitability of donated organs are made at the time of death. The donation of the body for medical education is also possible.

### What are the rights of the next of kin?

A donor designation on a Maryland driver's license or identification card is sufficient legal authority for the removal of body organs and tissues upon death of the donor. But consent of the next of kin is commonly obtained beforehand in Maryland. To ensure your wishes are carried out, it's recommended you discuss your commitment to be a donor with your family and have them witness your signature on your donor certification card.

### Will my family have to pay additional fees if I am a donor?

The family of a donor does not receive nor pay any fees. It's illegal to buy or sell human organs or tissues. The family is responsible for burial costs, but does not pay any hospital or physician fees associated with organ and tissue removal.



### Could there be any conflict between saving your life and using your organs/tissues for transplantation?

Absolutely not! Donation is considered only after all efforts to save your life have been exhausted. Donation never occurs until death is certified.

## THE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS FUND

When you renew or apply for a new Maryland driver's license, you have the opportunity to contribute \$1 to the Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Fund. Contributions are used to help promote public education and awareness regarding organ, tissue and eye donation.

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Please use this form to indicate whether or not, upon your death, you wish to become an organ donor.

Bring this card with you to an MVA office and present it to the clerk. You may also mail it to:

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration  
Organ Donor Program  
6601 Ritchie Highway, N.E.  
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21062



- ☐ Yes. Please designate me as an Organ Donor on my driver's license or identification card.

When you check yes to become an organ donor, specific personal information such as your name, date of birth, and address are submitted to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and maintained in the MD Organ Donor Registry. Your decision to be an organ donor can be changed by you at anytime. For additional information on organ donation, please visit MVA's website at [www.MVA.Maryland.gov](http://www.MVA.Maryland.gov), click on MVA programs, organ donation and "for more information."

- ☐ No. Please remove the designation of Organ Donor from my driver's license or identification card.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_